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EXPLORATION OF THE FAR NORTH

Band of Explorers Will Leave Esquimalt This Week

Stefansson, the Comander of the Expedition, and Party, Will Join the Karluk at Nome and Proceed North.

Somewhere in that vast silent space between Canada and the north pole, there is a huge geographical area which has never been explored, and it is in search of this great territory that Stefansson will head the greatest expedition that ever left for the Arctic under the British flag. On the old maps it was generally laid down that a great Arctic ocean filled the space. Later information has dotted this expanse with islands, more or less imaginary. Explorers and geographical experts differ as to whether this tremendous area consists of land or ice covered sea. It is on the theory that it consists of land, forming an unknown continent of the world, that Stefansson has based his hopes and plans.

Everything is practically in readiness for the expedition, and unless unlooked for delay occurs, the trim steam whaler Karluk will steam from Esquimalt this week for the Frigid Zone.

Stefansson himself, and possibly a large number of the scientific staff, will not accompany the Karluk when she clears from Victoria, but will take passage by mail steamer from Seattle and join the vessel under Captain Bartlett at Nome.

Saanichton News

War breaks out in Saanichton. Owing it is believed to a dispute between the opposing railways as to the freight charges on the B. C. E. cars, the V. & S. has torn up the connecting lines at Saanichton station, but the B. C. Electric is quietly adding the finishing strokes to the rest of the connecting line. It is magnificent, but it is not policy to tear up rails.

The view from the little station of the new electric railway is very beautiful, taking in the Gulf of Georgia and James Island.

A road is now in course of construction from the West Road to the Saanich Inlet. It will run between the properties of Mr. Long and Mr. Lineham.

Bitulithie Rubber, or some other form of paving for the Saanich roads? This is the question, which puzzles the brain of the S. S. council. One of these appears to be backed by attempted bribes; what the others are backed by remains to be revealed but the people of S. S. are alarmed at the opportunity for graft that is provided by the offering of bribes.

S. Saanich not being able to afford a paper of its own should support the Sidney Review in which it can publish its grievances or successes. Such a paper must be a help to the community.

Fulford Harbour Notes

On Friday May 30th the first baseball match was played between the two new baseball teams of Salt Spring Island, the Ganges and the South Salt Spring clubs at Bugey Valley and resulted in an easy win for the South Salt Spring team.

The development of the south end of the Island is still proceeding apace for not only are fresh settlers arriving, but would be buyers continue to come and

it is likely that before long all the bargains now in the market will be snapped up. Even as it is the rise in land values is considerable. This was to be expected as the district is so conveniently situated with regard to the Deep Cove terminus of the B. C. Electric Railway.

Mr. F. G. Aldous, P. L. S., has just left us for the second time within the last few weeks with a party of surveyors being engaged in subdivision work at Fulford Harbour.

According to present appearances there is every chance that Fulford Harbour will have a long felt want supplied in the shape of a first class hotel for the accommodation of visitors, tourists, and all desirous of enjoying the advantages we have to offer in the shape of boating, bathing, shooting, fishing, and the thousand other pleasures of country life and scenery for which we are becoming noted.

At the head of the Harbour "The White House" as the new boardinghouse now nearing completion is called will also soon be opened and should prove an attraction as ample accommodation for visitors is assured.

Trout fishing here is now in full swing and sea trout and grilse are also in evidence in Fulford Harbour.

The Rev. A. C. Davies of Antingham Rectory North Walsham (Norfolk) who was recently staying at Dromore had a few days successful fishing in our lake but the biggest catch was a black cod of over 50 lbs. caught in Fulford Harbour.

CONSPIRACY IN INDIA

The Police Discover a Plot to Overthrow British Rule in the Orient.

Calcutta, June 6.—Forty-four Bengalis of good family were arrested by the police here to-day, charged with a conspiracy to carry out wholesale massacres of the whites. These men, the authorities state, belong to a secret society, styling themselves patriots, and not anarchists, the avowed objects of which is to overthrow British rule.

In connection with the arrest of the Bengal rebels it is also stated that documents have been found setting forth proposals to corrupt the Sepoy establishments in military centres. Some of the wealthiest natives in the Indian Empire are alleged to be identified in the move.

New Submarine Cable

The B. C. Telephone Co. is just about to lay a new cable under the Straits of Georgia from Point Grey to Nanaimo. The cable has been manufactured by Messrs W. T. Honley & Co of Woolwich England. The poles carrying the land end of the line at Nanaimo are the highest in the Province, being 118 feet long. Situated on a little rising ground they elevate the wire between them 100 feet over the water way below.

There are two of these poles on the Island and two 75-foot poles on Newcastle Island, the four having cost nearly \$1,000 to put in place.

The Price of Racehorses

London. The sum of \$150,000 was paid by the Government of Argentina for the horse Craganour which was first past the winning post in the Derby on Wednesday, but was disqualified for bumping.

Only on four occasions has the price paid for Craganour, who is to be used for breeding purposes in Argentina, been exceeded in the amount paid for a racehorse. These were Ormonde, who was sold for \$156,250 to an American sportsman; Cyllene, who went to an English sportsman for \$157,500; Diamond Jubilee, sold to an Argentine breeder for \$157,500 and Flying Fox who holds the record for price and was sold to a French sportsman for \$196,875.

APPLICATION OF LORD'S DAY ACT

Do Its Operations Cover Vancouver Island?

The Question Has Been Raised in the Supreme Court Over the Purchase of Land on Sunday.

A curious action has been heard in the supreme court at Victoria. An agreement for the sale of certain lands on the west coast had been entered into between the parties on a Sunday and the seller now sought to evade his responsibility on the ground that an agreement entered into on a Sunday was illegal and not binding. The matter then resolved itself into an argument as to whether the provisions of the Lord's Day Act were applicable to Vancouver Island, a question on which there is considerable legal doubt, and on this point the decision of the court was reserved.

Automatic Signal Alarm

Paris, June 7.—The Paris-Lyon Mediterranean Railway, which is one of the most enterprising in France is about to experiment with an automatic signal alarm on a larger scale than any yet attempted on the continent. It will comprise 268 signalling points on a system of double track lines extending over 300 miles. A frog is placed on the middle of the track at each important signal and when the signal is raised the frog also rises, both being operated by the same lever at the signal box. Any locomotive then coming along will be in touch with the frog on the track. A special device for that purpose is fitted under each locomotive. The contact, made by means of a wire brush works an automatic safety whistle and in case the driver has not seen the signal he is sure to hear the whistle. The electric current is supplied by a battery carried on the locomotive.

Hindoo Tradition of the Flood.

This tradition was translated by Sir William Jones from the Bhagavat, and is the subject of the first Purana. It is sufficiently like the Bible account of the deluge to show that it alludes to the same great event. It is said to have taken place at the close of a calpa, or dispensation, when there was a general destruction owing to the sleep of Brahma, and his creatures were drowned in a great ocean. A holy king, by name Satyarata, is saved by the appearance of the Deity in the form of a fish with a great horn who slays a demon and recovers the sacred books.

This remarkable tradition concludes with these words: "But the appearance of the horned fish to the religious monarch was maya, or delusion, and he who shall devoutly hear this important allegorical narrative will be delivered from the bondage of sin."

Thus the most complete tradition of the deluge states that it is an allegorical narrative and gives us a key to all of them. This is in perfect harmony with our view of the flood, of the holy scriptures, removes every difficulty and gives a spiritual divine lesson.

Hundreds of years ago Gallileo told the church that the scripture was written to teach the way to heaven and not the way the stars travelled, but material notions are hard to dissipate in a worldly age.

Summer Snow in Montreal

Montreal, June 9—Snow fell for a short time on the streets today, while the temperature recorded reached a minimum of 35 in portions exposed to the cold wind prevailing to 55 in the sheltered spots.

Quebec Province and the Maritime Provinces are at present experiencing the coldest weather for June that has been known for some years. While the days are sunny and cool with showers the nights are chilly and depressing. Last night the temperature went below forty.

The weather bureau in the United States forecasted a cool wave of exceptional severity, almost unprecedented in the time of the year, sweeping up the gulf.

Frosts are reported from every quarter of Quebec Province and also from several sections of the Maritime Provinces and more frost is expected to-night.

Serious damage has already been done to garden produce and fruit trees and if the cold continues the losses will be immense.

Alaskan Volcanoes in Activity

Seward, Alaska, June 7.—All the volcanoes along the Alaskan Coast and adjacent islands as far west as the Unimak Pass are in eruption emitting flames and dense volumes of smoke. News of the activity of these volcanoes was brought by the mail steamer Dora which arrived to day from her monthly voyage to Dutch Harbor.

Mount Shishpadin on Unimak Island, was shooting flames high into the air, and Mounts Pavloff and Makushin were smoking when the steamer passed them. Mount Katmai, which was in violent eruption just a year ago and which covered the fertile Kodiak Island with a thick layer of ashes is sending up a great column of smoke filling the heavens with a haze discernable at Seward. Redoubt, Iliamna and St. Augustine on the West of Cook Inlet, are also showing unusual signs of activity, smoke in increasing volumes pouring out of their craters.

Mount Makushin is classed as an active volcano. It is situated on Unalaska Island and is 5,700 feet high.

The piece of ground at the back of what is known as the town hall on First street, that was one time used as a pound, is again being put into condition to serve the same purpose. The fence around it is being mended and it is otherwise being put in shape to hold cattle. If this means that the government intends to abate the nuisance of the wandering cattle and horses it is a good thing for Sidney.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

The Bill Will Again Occupy a Prominent position

Has Passed Its Second Reading But Will Meet With Strong Opposition From the North of Ireland.

The Home Rule bill has again passed its second reading in the Imperial House of Commons. During the debate evidences of the strenuous opposition to the measure from Ulster were manifest.

Sir Edward Carson, the Irish Unionist leader said: "For my part I will continue to support the Ulstermen and will take full responsibility for their resistance. You may seize their arms or send troops, but you will not settle the Irish question."

Lord Chas. Beresford declared: "If the Government sends troops to Ireland, I shall offer my services, poor as they may be, and help my countrymen."

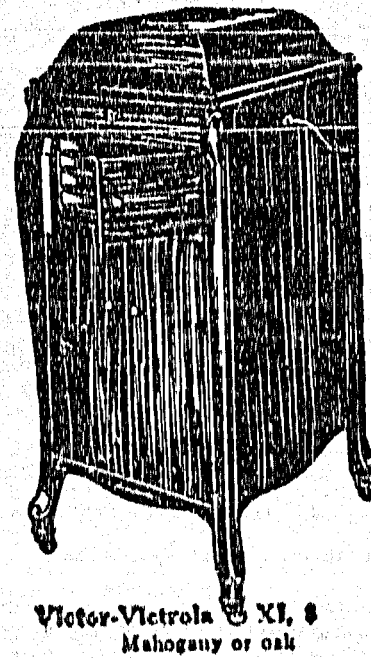
The question of the aspect of the matter held by the Overseas Dominions also arose, particularly as to the view of it held in Canada. Mr. John Redmond declared that the Overseas Dominions were overwhelmingly in favor of the bill and he was challenged to get a resolution in favor of it put through the House of Commons at Ottawa.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood said that there was not a public man in Canada who was not in favor of the bill. To this Mr. Law replied that there was not one of them who is not wise enough to recognize that just as we have no right to interfere in their domestic affairs, they have no right to interfere with ours.

The measure will probably again be thrown out by the House of Lords and it is extremely doubtful if the present government will last over another session when it would be necessary to pass the bill a third time and so override the power of the Lords.

The police raided a warehouse in London recently and discovered a large number of rifles equipped with bayonets, packed in boxes ready for shipment.

Mr. Jack Kemper journeyed into Victoria, last Saturday. Perhaps he was looking for new stock for the local baseball club of which he is manager.



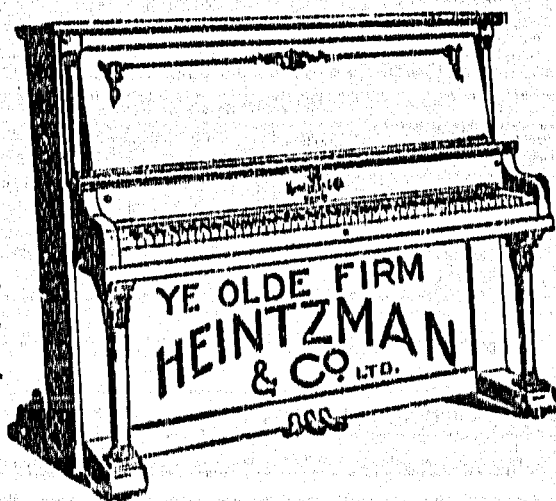
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IS THERE ANY TEST OF GOOD ENGLISH?

Because "our most eminent teachers of English give the sanction of usage to ungrammatical locutions" and "slipshod methods of expression abound in the speech of the majority, as well as in the writings of good authors," declares Leila Sprague Learned in the May Atlantic Monthly, "we need a Hume or a Dryden to erect danger-signals along the rocky road of speech, as warnings to those who think it safer to sin with the elect (authors of renown) than to be righteous with the purist." Yet in the same number of the same magazine we find Mr. Elwood Hendrick presenting the other side of the case.

Miss Learned maintains that we do not show a proper respect for "the priceless heritage" which is our native tongue, but have drifted into "a prevailing slovenly use of language which is really abuse." And for this state of affairs, she says, even our accepted guides and counselors in matters linguistic must share the direct responsibility. Thus she cites a Columbia professor's defense of the phrase "It is me" as "an idiomatic colloquial expression used without hesitation by the mass of the people and shunned only by the fastidious," and answers it with the assertion that in such fundamental principles as the relations of verbs to their subjects and objects language is an exact science, like arithmetic. "Can any professor, or armies of wise and learned men, make 'It is me' correct any more than they can justify 4×8 equals 36?"

"Well may we ask," she exclaims, "Is there any criterion of good English?" And to justify her pessimism, she quotes from no less eminent a source than Professor Lounsbury's "The Standard of Usage" the following sentences, with parenthetical emendations of her own:

"The process is liable (likely) to take place in the future."

"This was due (owing) to the ending."

"How tame it would have been to have used (to use), etc."

"Such a desirable (so desirable a) result."

"The opposition to new forms is apt (likely) to assume, et cetera."

"He accomplished feats full (fully or quite) as difficult."

"'Donate' has been pretty regularly shunned—(why 'pretty'?)"

"One example is so curious (queer)."

"No one seemed to think of or care for the other adjectives—(no one seemed to think of the other adjectives or care for them)."

Mr. Hendrick is also for precision, but he holds that if new forms express an idea more effectively than old forms, tradition must make way for evolution. He states the case as follows:

"The point at issue, as I take it, has to do with the primary requirement of language: whether it shall carry the idea with the greatest precision, or whether the greatest effort should be directed toward making the vehicle which carries the idea a thing of faultless construction."

"If the rule of precision in construction stands in the way of efficient expression it should be made secondary to it. Beethoven broke the rules of composition and accomplished wonders. To-day he is a classic, but in his own day he was a dreadful radical. So, too, painting would be an inefficient art now had the best usage and the rules current at the time been followed by the masters of the brush."

"The English language leads a dissolute life, and welcomes any word that comes its way. There have always been bars-sinister on its arms, but this has never seemed to worry it. In the Far East there are hundreds of Asiatic words in current use in English and they are gradually creeping into the dictionaries. This catholicity—to use a more gentle expression—is its very strength. The danger may lie in a splitting-up of the language into different dialects, and it is the business of scholarship to use every effort to avoid this. But in doing so it must be prepared to make compromises, and to welcome expressions which our grandfathers would have rejected. Do what we please—teach, instruct, threaten, cajole, or plead: nine out of ten boys will answer, 'It's me!' to the question, 'Who's there?' There must be a reason for this. The French, who are supposed to pay some attention to their language, use the same form—and it has received scholastic approval. 'Me' seems, somehow, more intimate, and is stronger than 'I,' which may be the reason why the child will say, 'Me go to mother,' and not, 'Give it to I.'"

CURIOUS ACACIA TREE.

It Gets Peevish and Ugly and Odorous When Disturbed.

In Idaho there exists a species of the acacia tree which is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. When full grown it closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pig tails.

When the tree has thus settled itself for the night's sleep it is said that if touched it will flutter as if agitated or impatient at the disturbance. The oftener, it is averred, the foliage is molested the more violent will become the shaking of the branches. Finally, it is further alleged, if the shaking is continued the tree will at length emit a nauseating odor quite sufficient to induce a headache in the case of the person disturbing the tree.

In Idaho it is called the "angry tree," and it is said that it was discovered by men who on making camp for the night placed one end of a canvas covering over one of the sensitive bushes, using it for a support. Immediately the tree began to jerk its branches sharply. The motion continued with increasing "nervousness" until at last came a sickening odor that drove the tired campers to a more friendly location.—Harper's Weekly.

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The Sporting Events of the Week

SIDNEY BASEBALL TEAM WINS ON HOME GROUND

The Whole Team Shows Better Form
Than in Any of the Previous Week
End Games Played.

The Sidney baseball team won from the Victoria "Prides" in the usual week end game by the narrow margin of one run, the score being eight to seven. The game was closely contested throughout and at the end of the sixth innings the score stood a tie 5-5. In the next inning Sidney tallied two, but this lead was short lived as the "Prides" came back with two runs in the next inning, making the score a tie again. Sidney was equal to the occasion, however, and succeeded in making another tally in the last inning and won the game. Jack Roberts pitched a very steady game for Sidney and received splendid support from the field. Yummy McGregor, the twirler for the Prides was taken out of the box in the seventh and Muldoon, second base, replaced him. The teams lined up as follows:

Sidney—J. Roberts, p.; H. Teitz, c.; J. Kemper, 1st b.; Jack Pierce, 2nd b.; F. Roach, s.s.; M. Norton, 3rd b.; A. Gerkhe, c.f.; B. Brown, l.f.; G. Herman, r.f.

Prides—Smiler, 3rd b.; Patterson, c.f.; Muldoon, 2nd b.; B. Bates, r.f.; Tinker, 1st b.; Morton, s.s.; Billingsly, l.f.; McGregor, p.; McMoyl, c.

Messrs. Brynelofson and Nason umpired the game to the satisfaction of both teams and Mr. Cliff Brethour kept tally.

MILL MEETS REGULARS

A Few Errors Were Made on Both Sides
But Some Good Ball is Played.

The diamond on Third street Wednesday evening was the scene of a very keenly contested baseball game between a team from the Canadian Southern Lumber Company's mill and the Sidney Baseball Club.

In the first innings neither side got a man as far as third base and some clever work was done in the box by both pitchers. The mill scored two runs in the second inning and had much the best of the play, as the regulars made a couple of costly errors, but the fortune of war turned in their favor in the third stanza and four regulars crossed the plate before the side retired. The mill made one more in the fourth but they could not overcome the lead of their opponents, and as darkness was creeping over the field the umpire called the game, the score standing 4-3 in favor of the regulars.

The Boys Play the Game.

The boys of the Sidney school have made up their minds that they can beat the boys of North Saanich at baseball and a game has been arranged to take place on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock on the diamond on Third Street. It will be a close game from start to finish and everybody is invited to be present. The line up is as follows: Sidney, Harry Ho c., Hugo Hingp., R. Fairclough 1st b., W. Velch 2nd b., E. Roberts 3rd b., P. Segelbra s. s., W. McKillican l. f., B. Robertson c. f., J. Coward r. f. North Saanich Erol McClure c., R. Simpson p. Leon Tuttos 1st b., H. Horth 2nd b., Clifford Bird 3rd b., Ed McClure s. s. Roy Simpson l. f., W. Simpson c. f. Louis Charley r. f.

Boy Scout Orders for First Troop.

Troop orders by A. MacArthur, commanding.

The Thursday evening meetings will be discontinued for the summer months.

The Friday evening meetings will be held at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

Parade—Scouts will parade on Saturday

day afternoon, June 14, for inspection by Chief Scout.

Dress—Full uniform with staves.

O. C. Patrols are responsible for seeing that the equipment of their men is in good order.

R. HICKS, Adjutant.

Amateur Lacrosse

It may be that the present year will go down to sporting history as that in which lacrosse, as played by amateurs, found itself settled upon a firm foundation. A great many persons who take their sport as they find it are not aware that Canada's national summer game has been passing through a very critical period of important changes, and that those who admire this strenuous but manly sport have watched the various moves with considerable anxiety. They knew right well that a vigorous northern people would never forsake such a glorious pastime, but altered conditions demanded attention. It could not be expected that the game would flourish in 1913 on exactly the same basis that suited the world of sport a quarter of a century ago.

The commercial spirit was bound to creep into lacrosse as it did into every other important game, with the exception so far of Rugby. Strangely enough, the Canadian sport suffered more keenly than any other game from the arrival of the paid player. This was doubtless due in a very large extent to the inadequacy of the existing organizations to meet the new situation. The amateur leagues had no clear-cut policy as to how they intended to deal with the coming of the professional, and their chief fear seemed to be that lacrosse interests would be torn asunder. They made their initial mistake when they tried to conduct both varieties of the game side by side, shutting their eyes to the dangers ahead.

Of course it was a severe blow to the amateur game to have the best players in all parts of the country suddenly desert, and the men in charge of the leagues doubtless feared that without the newly declared professionals, their associations would lose all importance. Looking back now it is easy to see what should have been done. That was the proper moment to have organized a series of strong, self-contained associations in different parts of the Dominion, all working together to foster interest in the science of the gutted stick. Then there would have been no talk to-day about the weakness of amateur lacrosse.

Time was when the lacrosse team in almost any town in Ontario contained the pick of the town's athletes whose exploits on the fair ground or the village commons caused no end of talk among the local historians. In fact no runner or high jumper or vaulting expert or stone-putter was considered altogether at his best unless he took his share of the work on the lacrosse team. When amateur lacrosse was at its height in the towns of Ontario, baseball was unknown, except as a very occasional diversion in the school yard—almost without rules or traditions. There is no reason why amateur lacrosse should not flourish to-day as it did then.

Why does lacrosse make its supporters feel so sanguine about its ultimate victory over all obstacles? Simply because it is a game of which Canadians may well feel proud. It draws out all that is best in the players. They must be in the pink of condition, with great powers of endurance and self-control; they have to think quickly and act like a flash, with every muscle taut and every nerve alert. The sloven, the milk-sop and the second-rate athlete are wise to keep away from lacrosse, for it will show their deficiencies too plainly, but it is the ideal sport for the sons of a young and vigorous nation.—Canadian Courier.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR WILL FACE BALL AT LACROSSE MATCH

Sidney Team Will Meet Lathers, of Victoria, in Second Game of Intermediate Series on Home Field.

On Saturday, June 14, Sidney is to have an entertainment that should attract a large crowd. A championship lacrosse match will take place on the baseball grounds, Third street, between the local stick handlers and the Lathers, of Victoria. No less a person than His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will be present, and he has undertaken to face the ball, which event will take place at 2.30 sharp. The game is one of the island intermediate series and promises to provide a very close contest. As it is expected and hoped that a large number of the fair sex will grace the match by their presence, it has been arranged that seats will be provided for their accommodation.

The team will be picked tomorrow

from the following players, C. Simpson, F. Humber, Sid Humber, F. W. Anderson, P. N. Tester, C. Brethour, W. Webb, J. Gehrke, E. Munro, W. Munro, W. Sanders, B. Jamieson, F. Smith, J. Forrester, M. Norton, E. Norton, W. Lait, F. Roach, Johnson Bob, D. Robertson, W. Mould. The referee and other officials will be selected at the same time.

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A FEW WANTS

There are one or two things wanted in Sidney besides the sewerage system and they are things that should not be difficult to get. The first is the installation of a few street lights. At this time of the year when the twilight lasts nearly up to ten o'clock and the roads are dry the necessity is not so urgent, but in the autumn and winter when the nights and even the latter part of the afternoons are pitch dark and the roads and paths are muddy and contain puddles of water a journey about town after the sun has set is not easily accomplished without serious inconvenience. It may be suggested that the carrying of a lantern obviates this trouble but we claim that the time has arrived when the town of Sidney and its inhabitants are entitled to more modern conveniences than are supplied by the old fashioned methods of individual lanterns.

Another want is a fire brigade. Water is now available and hydrants are being affixed in certain prominent places but these are useless without the provision of some further apparatus in the hands of people trained to use it. This will call for the provision of a considerable sum of money which had Sidney been incorporated would have been provided by the municipality but now it will have to be provided by private subscription. There is however a rich compensation in sight, because the provision of an adequate means for fighting fires will at once be followed by a reduction in the rates for fire insurance.

The third want is of quite another nature but is also important. In the long winter evenings time hangs heavily on men's hands and there is no means of relieving the monotony. A simple way of doing so is the establishment of a debating club. It is easy for the cynic to sneer at what he calls the parliament of village wit, but the open discussion of events of current interest affords a means of profitably passing many an hour that would otherwise be wasted, and induces a habit of thinking that is a most useful occupation for the human brain. It often too affords an opportunity for the development of some budding ability if not of genius which otherwise might never be disclosed and would wither away for lack of cultivation.

These are a few of the things that Sidney wants and which she certainly can easily obtain.

A LAUDABLE SUGGESTION.

A Victoria paper, the Spokesman, advocates the idea that the province of British Columbia should present one battleship to the Imperial navy. The idea is one well worthy of consideration, and being considered improves and grows in the mind. Its adoption would save the amour propre of British Columbians and would remove them from having to bear part of the stigma which the Senate has fastened upon Canada by refusing to allow her to make good her declared intention, as announced by Prime Minister of sharing with her sister dominions in the defence of the Empire, and vying with them in her liberality in doing so.

British Columbia can well afford to pay for such a gift. Her treasury is full and overflowing and the golden prospects of the immediate future permit her with confidence to anticipate the continuance of her happy prosperity. Then when she comes to sit down and rest, after the labors of development are over and the riches arising from them are pouring into her lap, what greater happiness can she have than to contemplate the vast hull of a noble ship riding on the waters of Esquimalt harbor, and to know that as a worthy daughter of the nation to which Nelson appealed, she has done her duty.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that summer has taken the place of spring and is rapidly completing the work that the vernal season failed to carry out this year all the vacant lots and unoccupied spaces in and around Sidney are teeming with a luxurious growth of grass, ferns, clover and other vegetation which grows most luxuriantly owing to the fertile land on which it stands. In the course of a month or two when it has completed its growth and under the hot sun of the later summer and early autumn it withers and dries, all this growth will become a huge mass of the driest tinder only awaiting the chance of a carelessly thrown away match and a light breeze of wind to become a raging prairie fire in which Sidney or at any rate a great part of it will become a blackened and burnt out ruin. It is a matter to which the authorities might well turn their early attention, and again this duty devolves on the government which persists in retaining the control of our welfare in spite of our earnest wish to take care of ourselves.

The repairs to the wharf have been carried out and were finished on Saturday. The structure is considerably stronger than it has been for sometime but it would be dwelling in a fool's paradise to say that it is safe. How far many of the old piles have been destroyed by the teredo it is impossible to say, as this destructive worm confines its work to the interior and carefully avoids the exterior. That many of the piles are in a bad case is evident from the ravages of the pin worm. This enemy attacks the exterior and gradually scales it off and some of the piles are very badly eaten away. That the government will not be in ignorance of the real state of affairs is plain because the contractors took with them to Victoria a section of a pile for exhibition to the authorities and it is probably a fair example of those standing now. No structure here will be satisfactory until a proper concrete breakwater is constructed which will at once serve for a wharf and also make a secure harbour for small boats to lie under its lee.

Happy is the country that has no history, is a saying that contains a great deal of truth. It might be said that a country that has no politics would be happier still and that would be most certainly true. The system under which we run our public affairs is one which enables ambitious men to acquire the two most desired of all human blessings, if they are blessings, and these two things are money and power. To acquire these two things, or either of them, or even a small part of either of them, is the incentive that induces most men to take part in public affairs, whether those affairs are state or parochial, and in pursuit of the incentive they often neglect or abuse their position. Hence politics seem at present to be an unavoidable evil.

All sorts of rumors are in the air as to contemplated improvements on the V. & S. Railway. A direct inquiry to Mr. Van Sant on this question elicited only the following reply "It is impossible to comply with your request for information until such time as engineers have made an inspection of the line and it has been decided just what is necessary and desirable. This will probably not be done for at least two weeks". It would therefore appear that the Railway Co. is not in any hurry to improve its service and prefers to keep its good intentions, if it has any, entirely secret.

A curious and interesting condition of affairs has been disclosed by the researches of the Indian Land Commission. The members of the commission have just returned from a trip to various Indian reserves on the island and they report that the Indians complain of being beaten in the fishing industry by the Japanese on account of the latter being subsidized. A great deal of evidence on this matter has been accumulated and the final report on it will be eagerly perused.

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LOCAL NEWS

Capt. Berquist spent Sunday with his
parents.

Messrs. L. and D. Horth spent the week
end in town.

Miss Berquist visited in Victoria Wed-
nesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Gordon Dixon was a visitor to
the city on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Norris of Victoria is spending the
week end with her friend Miss Elliott.

Mrs. A. E. Moore and Master Percy
Moore spent Tuesday of this week in
Victoria.

Miss Elliott gave a surprise party on
Miss Norris last Tuesday in honour of
the young lady's birthday.

An ordinary general meeting of the
Board of Trade will be held in Berquist
hall on Tuesday next, June 17, at 8 p.m.

On Monday Tuesday and Wednesday
next examinations will be held in the lo-
cal school for entrance to the High School
Victoria.

On Tuesday evening last Miss Maud
Horth caught a splendid salmon off Deep
Cove. The fish weighed about twenty-
eight pounds.

Certificates of stock in the Sidney
Water and Power Co. are now ready and
may be obtained by stockholders at the
company's office in Sidney.

Mr. J. Roberts spent Wednesday in
Victoria last week when he attended the
performance of "The Toy Maker" by the
Australian Pollard Co.

Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Martineau accompa-
nied by their daughter and Miss Elliott
autoed to Sidney Saturday afternoon
to visit with the lady's mother Mrs. Don-
ovan.

General Sir Ian Hamilton will be in
Victoria on the 27th and 28th of this
month and it is more than likely that he
will visit the militia camp at Sidney dur-
ing those days.

The pipes of the new water system are
now all laid as far as the town proper is
concerned and the contractors are busy
on the long extensions down Third and
Fifth street to Roberts Point and the
Sanitarium.

Arrangements are being made for a
large camp of cadets at Sidney during
the latter part of next month. No de-
tails have as yet come to hand but ap-
parently the corps of cadets from all over
British Columbia will be present.

A large octopus measuring fourteen
feet across was killed a day or two ago
in Shoal harbor by Mr. Cecil Grant, who
was working in the neighborhood. Un-
fortunately few people had an opportu-
nity of viewing the marine monster, as
Mr. Grant, ignorant perhaps of the harm-
lessness of an octopus on the land, hack-
ed it to pieces with an axe.

The piece of ground at the back of
what is known as the town hall on First
street, that was one time used as a pound,
is again being put into condition to serve
the same purpose. The fence around it
is being mended and it is otherwise be-
ing put in shape to hold cattle. If this
means that the government intends to
abate the nuisance of the wandering cat-
tle and horses it is a good thing for Sid-
ney.

There is one reform which the V. & S.
Railway Co. could institute without wait-
ing for a technical survey by engineers
or for a reference to a far distant head
office and which would not entail the
outlay of one single cent of money, and
that is a reduction in the delays of traffic
entailed by shunting operations across
Beacon avenue, Sidney's main street. It
is necessary sometimes to cross this
street to pick up a car loaded with lumber
or to drop an empty but either of these
operations could easily be conducted in
a minute or two and without the vexa-
tious delays to traffic now so frequent.
A few words from the management to
the train crews would probably have the
desired effect.

Mr. D. O. Lewis, engineer in charge of
construction of the Canadian Northern
Railway, visited the camps of the survey-
ors on Saturday last and inspected them.

New cars for the B. C. Electric Rail-
way are arriving daily. Two came in on
Tuesday and went to Victoria by the V.
& S. Railway. One was a passenger car
and the other a freight and baggage car.
The passenger car looks very strong and
comfortable and is divided into two parts.
Possibly one may be for smokers. It is
also provided with a lavatory, so it is
apparently intended for the long Saanich
trip.

On Thursday, June 5th, a trio of the
sons of Isaac Walton chartered Capt. W.
D. Byer's palatial launch, "The Uvalde,"
for a fishing trip to Haro Strait. The
party consisted of Messrs. McKillican,
McKenzie and Yeddie Roberts, and they
"reported" a very successful afternoon's
sport. Outside of the very successful
"hooking of easy ones of our district" by
one Skidmore, these gentlemen claim to
have hung up a record that will last for
some time. The total catch was seven
black bass, seventeen tommy cod and
lynn cod.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs.
Merryfield entertained a few friends at a
whist party to honour the occasion of Mr.
Merryfield's birthday which occurred on
the previous day. Those present were
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, Mr. and Mrs.
Warrington, Mr. and Mrs. Humber, Mr.
and Miss Dix, Miss Alma Nuijala, Mrs.
Lempi Aho, Messrs. Ed Tomkins and J.
Roberts. The gentlemen's prize was won
by Mr. Humber and the lady's by Miss
Nuijala, the two booby prizes were won
respectively by Mr. J. Roberts and Mrs.
Warrington. At the end of the evening
the guests partook of an excellent supper
in the preparation of which Mrs. Merry-
field was assisted by Mrs. Warrington.

On Wednesday afternoon an exciting
double runaway occurred on Beacon av-
enue. A team belonging to Mr. Ormond,
with a load of fine lumber, doors and
windows, was proceeding up the street
when the horses, becoming frightened
by the projecting ends of the lumber hit-
ting them on the quarters, bolted up
the street but were stopped just beyond
Mr. Humber's house. Here the driver
succeeded in turning them, with the in-
tention of taking the lumber to its des-
tination on Fifth street, but no sooner
were they started on their way than the
horses bolted in good earnest. The
driver, unable to control them or to re-
tain his foothold on the badly packed
lumber, jumped from the vehicle and so
probably saved his life. The frightened
team tore on. There were two motor
cars standing, one in front of Burn's
butcher shop and the other just opposite
it by Smith's electrical warehouse and
there was barely room for the team to
pass between them. As it was one of
the motors belonging to Mr. Smith was
struck and had its mud guard smashed
and its axle bent. And still the team
raced on, until passing third street they
swayed to the north side of the street
and ran into one of the stout hitching
posts lately planted between the bank
and the post office. This effectually
stopped them, and fortunately little dam-
age was done, and none at all to any
human beings, nor were the horses in-
jured one only receiving a slight bruise.
Some of the doors and windows that were
shaken off the load were smashed to
atoms.

LAND ACT

FORM No. 9.

FORM OF NOTICE

Victoria Land Recording Division
Cowichan Land District

TAKE NOTICE that James Archibald
John, of Sidney, B.C., occupation car-
penter, intends to apply for permission to
purchase the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted on Ar-
butus Island, lying to the west of Pier
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JAMES ARCHIBALD JOHN.
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Some of the Difficulties Met With in Opening Up New Trans-Atlantic Route

Now that the government has committed itself definitely to the establishment of a port or ports in Hudson Bay, has already made considerable progress in the hydrographic and magnetic survey of both bay and strait, and has even sent up buoys and other aids to navigation preliminary to the opening up of a trade route, it becomes a matter of some interest to the general public to know something at least of the conditions under which navigation in that region will have to be carried on. That these conditions differ markedly from those attending navigation by the regular trans-Atlantic routes does not appear to be generally recognized.

Probably the most interesting, certainly the most important, of these new conditions is the presence of field ice. By field ice is meant cakes or pans of ice from four to forty feet in thickness and from a few feet to half a mile or more in diameter. Enormous fields, or areas, of this ice are common enough phenomena, as well along the Labrador coast as in Hudson Strait and Bay, during almost every month of the year. The importance to the navigator of this state of affairs can hardly be over-estimated. Unless he be provided with a vessel especially designed and reinforced for this work, he will require to exercise the utmost caution even in passing through "slack" ice, and if by any one of a number of causes the ice should "tighten" he will be in imminent danger of destruction. It will be well, therefore, to consider briefly the origin and movements of the field ice in the region of Hudson Bay and Strait, in order that some estimate may be formed both of the possibilities and of the limitations to the future navigator.

It has already been intimated that ice floes may vary greatly in thickness. This is due to the fact that the field ice commonly encountered in Hudson Strait is of two distinct varieties. The first, often called "ordinary" field ice, is the product of a single winter and is found along the shores of Hudson Bay and in the Strait. Its thickness rarely reaches ten feet. The second, known as "old" ice, may be formed by the piling up, or "rafting," by gales, of ordinary ice, or it may be the product of several winters' freezing and be blown down into the bay and strait from Fox Channel. This ice is often discolored, is hummocky, and may attain a thickness of fifty feet.

The movements of field ice, as also its tightness or slackness, may be attributed to the action either of wind, or current, or of both combined. It is in fact extraordinarily sensitive to these two agents. A pack of ice, for example, which when viewed from the crow's nest extends on all sides to the horizon, and which is so tightly run together as completely to block any advance, may in the course of a few hours, owing to a turn of tide, run abroad sufficiently to allow of the ship's proceeding with scarcely any delay. Hudson Strait is unfortunately the home of tidal currents and races which while nearly always rapid are so uncertain both as to set and velocity as to render difficult if not impossible any precise determination of general ice movements. This, however, is certain that along the north shore of the strait there are extremely rapid tidal currents which, judging by the observed motion of ice-burges, show a resultant set to westward. On the south shore, on the other hand, the resultant set of the tide currents is to the eastward. As is quite to be expected, when the strait is completely covered by field ice the latter is found to be slackest in mid-channel, since there the current is least. The disposition of the ice when the strait is not completely covered, and therefore also the direction of its motion, depends largely upon the prevailing winds—the ice being found on the south or north shore according as the winds have been north-

erly or southerly. The well-known fact that the field ice as a whole has a resultant eastward drift and ultimately finds its way into the Atlantic, may therefore be readily ascribed to the marked preponderance, in that region, of northerly winds.

To these currents in the strait itself must be added another, the Arctic current—of prime importance in the discussion of ice movements. This current, which sweeps continually across the eastern entrance to the strait with a southerly set of about a mile an hour, carries with it during the summer months enormous quantities of pack ice, as well as ice-burges, which it draws for the most part from Davis strait, but which may be considerably augmented by the east Greenland pack—the latter sweeping round Cape Farewell up the southwestern shore of Greenland and then joining the Baffins Bay ice which is carried south by the Arctic current.

The presence during June and July of the Arctic field ice off the entrance to Hudson Strait, adds very materially to the complexity of the ice movements in the strait itself. Owing, largely, to the prevalence in that neighborhood of eddies and tidal races there are nearly always present between the Button Islands and Resolution Island large areas of this Arctic current ice. If an easterly gale has been blowing this condition is greatly aggravated, and the ice may be tightly run together for thirty or forty miles off the entrance. The significance to navigation of this state of affairs lies not only in the danger of a vessel's being crushed by the rafting and impact of this heavy ice, but also in its effect upon the field ice in the strait itself. This effect consists in the blocking up of the only exit for the ice which was formed in Hudson Bay and Strait, and which would otherwise have been clear of the strait in June or July. The strait is in consequence bottled up, as it were, and the date at which navigation becomes feasible proportionately delayed.—Canadian Courier.

EUROPE'S CITY OF FLATS.

The hausbesorger is the evil spirit of Vienna, City of Flats, says a writer. He lives in a gloomy cavern at the foot of the stairs and pounces on you every time you pass and tells you you mustn't. I have never really mastered the house regulations. After 10 o'clock a chill air as of the tomb envelops the house. Later than that you may not sing, dance or play any musical instrument.

I was once at a party when one of the guests, not observing the lateness of the hour, volunteered to sing "Ora Pro Nobis." She had not gone much beyond the first bar when she noticed that it only wanted one minute to 10. The speed with which she finished the song, put on her hat and coat, shook hands all around, and was out in the street before the hour had finished striking was a lesson from which I have not yet recovered.

At no time may one shake one's rugs out of the front window, but between the hours of 6 and 8 in the morning, one may beat them in the courtyard. A visitor, waking up with a start a little after 6, and wondering whether the thunder will give him a headache, fails to appreciate the privilege. For about an hour the city is as if wrapped in a sand storm; everybody is in the courtyard banging rugs. The Viennese hausfrau invests all her spare cash in rugs. It is the proudest day of her life when she has so many that she is the first to start beating and the last to finish.

If one keeps a dog, on wet days one must carry him up to one's apartments, so that his muddy feet do not soil the staircase. Particularly well do I know this last regulation, for at one time I was the proud possessor of a mastiff. In the first month of my stay it rained on 17 days, and I lost

nearly 14 pounds in weight. My medical attendant said I was not physically strong enough to own so large a dog, so, as my rooms were on the fifth floor, I exchanged him for a toy terrier.

Dustbins, which are generally kept in the kitchen, next to the gas stove, have to be carried downstairs by the tenant and deposited on the pavement for the convenience of the dust-men. An official makes his appearance a few minutes ahead of the dust cart, and clangs a huge bell at the foot of the stairs in warning. At the sound doors fly open as if by magic, and the next moment the stairs are crowded with women—young, old, strong and frail—each with an iron dustbin strained to her bosom. If you are wearing new clothes, you want to see that the dust cart isn't in the street before you start mounting the stairs.

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LAND ACT

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT
DISTRICT OF SAANICH

TAKE NOTICE that ROBERT GREIG KENNEDY, of Saanich, in the Province of British Columbia, a Civil Engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on the northwest corner of Lot Eight (8), of Block Seventy-three (73), as shown upon a plan of Sections Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), Range Three (3) West, North Saanich, deposited in the Land Registry office at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, and numbered 1151; thence southwesterly at right angles to the shore line ten chains; thence southeasterly two hundred feet parallel to the said shore line; thence northeasterly to the southwest corner post of Lot Five (5) shown on the said plan; thence northwesterly following the said shore line to the point of commencement and containing three acres more or less.

Dated the ninth day of May, A. D., 1913.

R. G. KENNEDY.

W. F. U. COPEMAN, Name of Applicant
212 Jones Bldg., Victoria.

THE ART OF POISONING.

Subtle Methods Used by the Natives of Central Africa.

The Central African native is a master in the art of poisoning and always on the watch for it. He will never take a drink of water or beer or eat of a dish, even when offered by a peaceful acquaintance, until the host has eaten or drunk some of it to pledge its harmlessness. He is always in fear of treachery, and with good reason, for an assassin is cheaply hired. Vegetable poisons may be made by almost any one, and the methods of administering them are cunning beyond description.

One of the cleverest ways, often resorted to when a man gets into his head an idea that a neighbor is injuring him by witchery, is to kill the unsuspecting victim by means of poisoned stakes and at the same time avoid suspicion, which would inevitably lead to a similar vengeance.

Procuring little sharpened sticks, the murderer hollows their points and inserts poison (usually made by boiling down the juice of certain shrubs or creepers) into the cavities. These he secretly plants upright, but leaning a little along the path which leads from the doomed negro's hut to his garden.

Sooner or later the intended victim slightly lacerates his bare foot by hitting one of these sharp stakes. He takes no notice of the scratch, for he is used to such trifling injuries, but in a few moments his foot and leg begin to swell, and an hour or so later he expires in agony.

The bark and roots of several trees and shrubs yield virulent poisons when properly brewed, one of which has the peculiar effect of at once paralyzing the organs of speech. The gall of the crocodile when dried in the sun and pulverized is also very deadly. The most fatal poison, however, is that prepared from an ugly, whitish tree called ujungu in German East Africa. It grows in only a few localities, and few natives will venture to cut it down, for a mere prick with a splinter will cause terrible and sometimes fatal inflammation. The negroes say that neither moths nor snakes will go near it, and that birds never rest in its branches.

To make this poison the wood is burnt and its ashes are mixed with water and then boiled down to a thick paste. The natives will travel hundreds of miles to procure this paste, with which hunters anoint their arrows and spears and the bullets of their guns, dipping them after the smearing in hot beeswax to form a protective covering against loss of power as well as against accident.—Harper's Weekly.

THE SOUTH SEA BUBBLE.

One of the most gigantic swindling schemes that was ever promulgated, a swindle that came very near wrecking the English nation, was the project known to history as the South Sea Bubble.

The get-rich-quick scheme was not only backed by the English parliament and the House of Lords, but also by the great financiers of that country and even royalty itself. One fortunate feature of the project was that it was on such a large scale that only the wealthy people of the realm were made to suffer, the poorer classes being unable to invest.

The South Sea Company was formed in 1711, principally through the instrumentality of Robert Harley, the Earl of Oxford, who was Lord Treasurer of England. His object was to improve public credit and to provide for the floating debts, which at that time amounted close to \$50,000,000. In return the company was to receive by way of reward a monopoly of all the trade with Spanish South America.

In those days little was known of the continent of South America and generally the public had the idea that it possessed untold wealth. They expected that the people of that country would be as receptive to the trading of gold and diamonds as were the Indians in giving valuable skins and furs for small quantities of beads and other articles of little value when the first

settlers came to Canada. For this reason the English people generally supposed that by buying stock in this company they would quickly reap untold profits.

The shares of this company were sold first at \$500, but speculation ran such riot that they soon advanced to \$2,500. Everyone who could scrape sufficient money together plunged to his capacity, until the company became so rich that it actually offered to shoulder the whole national debt of England, amounting to \$155,000,000, on a five per cent. basis. As a wit said of the craze: "Every fool aspired to be a knave." People clamored for the chance to get rid of their money. The crowds were so great at the offices of the company that tables with clerks were set in the street.

War with Spain, which was then supreme in the western hemisphere, quickly changed the rosiness of the outlook. Early in September, 1719, the South Sea stock began to decline and it looked as if the bubble was going to burst. Sir John Blune and other big men of the company sold their shares. Then everyone began to follow suit, and with their pockets empty the public turned with horror from speculation. But the mischief was done.

With the collapse of the South Sea Company mighty fortunes all over England went to pieces. The country was ruined. The law, which had long winked at the transaction, now suddenly awoke, and the members of parliament who were directors were expelled from that august body and their property was confiscated in proportion to their guilt. Others were severely punished, some escaped the country and many died of the shock or killed themselves. Thus ended the famous South Sea Bubble, one of the greatest swindles in all history, and the only regret that must have been felt by those who lost so heavily was the fact that they could not get at the promoters of the scheme, for they were too big in British politics for such a procedure to be considered.

NO KNIGHT THERE.

When any Canadian is the recipient of honors from His Majesty the King, the newly-decorated personage has to put in about the hardest work of his life for the succeeding three or four weeks. He must grow accustomed to the title, wear the distinction naturally and with becoming modesty, and cultivate a feeling of ease and sangroid. He must not disport himself like the average youth of the present day making his initial appearance in a silk hat or full dress suit. But that is not all. Sir Thomas, Sir William, or Sir Robert—as the case may be—is literally submerged with congratulatory letters and telegrams. Noblesse oblige—all these messages of felicitation must be answered, by the slow and rather painful process of hand-written communications. It would be infra dig to call in an amanuensis and reply in a wholesale or pro forma method, or to insert a card of thanks in the newspapers like a newly-elected alderman or school trustee.

Congratulations are formal, stiff, familiar, or droll, and come from all quarters of the Dominion and even beyond its borders, while not a few emanate from people whom the recipient has never known. The character of the messages frequently depends on the degree of intimacy that the sender has previously enjoyed with the titled one. It recalls the incident of Sir Geo. Ross, leader of the Liberal party in the Senate, who was honored a few years ago. A warm personal friend of the former premier of Ontario is T. C. Irving, manager of Bradstreet's, Toronto. On the occasion when "the list" was announced, Mr. Irving happened to be in the West. Everyone knows that Sir George is sound in the Presbyterian faith and doctrine. Accordingly Mr. Irving, who possesses a keen sense of humor and is one of the best raconteurs of good stories promptly dispatched the following: "Sir George Ross, Toronto—Hearty congratulations on the recognition bestowed upon you by our Sovereign, but, remember, the Good Book says 'There is no knight there'."

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CHURCH NEWS

ANGLICAN CHURCHES.

June 15—Fourth Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, and Holy Communion—St. Andrew's
3.00 p.m. —Evening Prayer—Holy Trinity.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer—St. Andrew's

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services:—

11 a.m. Berquist's small hall.
3 p.m. South Saanich church.
7.30 p.m. North Saanich church.
Sunday School:—
10.15 a.m. Berquist's small hall
2 p.m. South Saanich church.
2.30 p.m. North Saanich church.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Prayer meeting in parsonage.
Ladies' aid meeting 2nd Thursday of each month.
JAS. HICKS, Pastor.

Wedding at Union Bay

At Holy Trinity Church on Union Bay on Monday 9th of June the marriage was celebrated of George Robert Neeves and Violet Acton. The bride was given away by her brother in law Morris Corfield. After the ceremony the happy couple left for their new home at All Bay. An incident occurred on their arrival at their new home, which appeared to the happy couple as the commencement of a charivari which they were expecting, but which might have been very much more serious. Just as the car in which they were travelling reached their residence a chinaman who was clearing an adjoining lot let off a blast under a stump and the newly married couple were covered with a shower of dirt and sticks and stones. Fortunately no serious damage was done beyond a slight cut on the hand which Mr. Corfield, who was in the car received. The wedding had been kept secret so that there was no company at the church or elsewhere to provide the usual shower of rice and old slippers so that the cloud of dust and dirt had to take its place. It will be remembered that as the King of Spain and his bride were driving home from their wedding a serious attempt was made to kill them with a bomb, and they were similarly covered with the debris of the explosion. Their marriage has turned out a very happy one and it may be that explosions at weddings may become fashionable and take the place of the old fashioned shower of rice. Getting married is a serious business, especially to those, who having come to be looked upon as old bachelors endeavor by every means in their power to conceal their intentions but fate often laughs at their attempts at concealment and throws a yet stronger light on their proceedings. The many friends of the newly married couple though excluded from watching the ceremony of their wedding will yet wish that the shower of dust will bring as happy a life to the benedict and his bride as any rice or old shoes that they otherwise would have provided.

Married in Victoria

At Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on Wednesday afternoon was celebrated the marriage of Miss Hilda Joan Stromgren, daughter of Mrs. H. Stromgren, Howe Street, and Mr. F. A. Murray, manager of the Merchant's Bank at Sidney.

The bride was attired in a white cloth suit, with a hat to match, trimmed with ostrich feathers.

Mr. D. Leeming gave the bride away, and Mrs. D. Leeming was matron of honor, while Mr. F. L. Rendall supported the groom.

The bridal pair left by the afternoon boat for Portland, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will take up their residence in Sidney.

Immigration Restrictions

In order to assist the construction of the various railways and other large works throughout Canada which called for a large number of laborers, the government at Ottawa relaxed the regulations requiring every immigrant to have in his possession the sum of \$25 on landing in Canada.

Owing to the present stringency of the money market and the possible consequent decline in building operations and

industrial development, instructions have been issued to the officers of the Department of Immigration that immigrants arriving on and after July 1, must have in their possession \$25 each, as required by law.

Wide publicity is being given to this ruling in the countries where Canada carries on emigration work, so that persons contemplating coming into Canada will be fully aware of the conditions governing entry to the Dominion.

Farm laborers and female domestic servants, for whom there is a great demand in all provinces, are not required to have upon arrival any specific amount of money.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS

Benefit dance in Berquist's hall on the evening of Friday, June 20. Tickets \$1.

The Methodist Ladies Aid will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on the evening of Thursday, June 26. Full particulars next week.

Everybody is invited to the box social in Berquist's hall to-night at 8.30, given under the auspices of the International Order of Good Templers.

Don't forget to be in attendance at the lacrosse match to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 on the baseball grounds, Third street. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will be there.

A THRONE OF STATE.

Impressive Part Played by the Sofa in German Households.

The importance of the sofa in marking social distinctions in Germany always astonishes the stranger in the Fatherland. Among Germans of the more comfortable class, those who live from generation to generation in the same house, every piece of furniture has its own history and makes its own associations; but it is always the sofa that is given the prominent place in a room. Before it usually stands a round or oval table.

Should there be callers at the average German house, there ensues a certain dignified commotion. Should a caller, a woman of lower social standing than the mistress of the house, arrive, she must take a chair, while the hostess sits alone on the sofa. Should the visitor be of higher degree, however, the matter will be otherwise decided.

This method of distinction reaches its highest point when there is a tea party of Kaffeeklatsch (coffee gossip); for then the oldest woman with the biggest title must sit on the sofa, and the next in rank occupies the place nearest her.

As the proudest usually arrives latest, a general stir is likely to take place. For if the Frau Doktorin, the wife of a physician or scholar, is sitting on the sofa, she must vacate her position should a Frau Professorin appear. The Frau Majorin, or wife of a major, may be thoroughly enjoying the seat of honor; but she must yield it without hesitation when the Frau Generalin comes in. The whole company rise in such an event to do honor to the distinguished guest, and there must necessarily follow a general readjustment of places.

Neither unmarried men nor very young women can expect to enjoy the privilege of sitting on a German sofa.

The piece of furniture that stands next in honor of the sofa is the easy-chair, which is sometimes called Sargenstuhl, or chair of cares. Should a German sit down to worry, he must have a comfortable seat, that so important a mood may be endured with dignity. A common chair would not serve his purpose in the least. But the Sargenstuhl is, so to speak, for domestic and personal use only; the sofa is the part of the entire social framework never to be carelessly regarded.

MONTENEGRIN SIMPLICITY.

Nicholas I. of Montenegro is as simple in his habits as was King Alfred

of oaten cake memory. In the royal household he is waited on at table by one of his daughters, while other members of the family stretch out and help themselves. The bread, it is said, is baked by the queen. He urges the habit of saving upon his people, and is himself a depositor in a savings bank. The King once remonstrated with a hotelkeeper who had bought himself a gold watch and pointed out that his own watch was of silver.

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